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I've been a software developer for 14 years and have watched the rise of the Microsoft empire. I'd like to comment on the proposed settlement.

From the accounts I've read the settlement does not do enough to stop Microsoft from using their monopoly power to continue to grow in influence in the industry. Forcing them to publish API's to their OS does nothing but encourage more developers to write to their platform. That makes no sense at all if we are trying to encourage competition in the OS arena.

The two things Microsoft should be forced to do:

- publish their file formats (like Word, Excel)
- publish their network protocols (like SAMBA)

These two actions will encourage other operating systems to compete in the very area that Microsoft dominates.

Thank you.

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